

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 19 were amended. Claims 2-5, 10-13, 20-25 remain unchanged. Claims 6-8 and 14-16 were previously withdrawn, as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 19 were amended to remove the objectionable alternative of “sound segments corresponding to words or phases having different spellings and different meanings”. Since the Examiner agreed that Ju et al does not teach any of the remaining alternative limitations it is believed that claims 1, 9, 17, 18 and 19 are patentably distinguishable from Ju et al. alone or from the suggested combination with Junqua and further with Thelen et al.

Accordingly, it is believed that the 35 USC 103 rejection of claims 1, 9, 17, 18 and 19 is overcome and claims 1, 9, 17, 18 and 19 should be allowable. Claims 2-5 and 20-22 depend upon claim 1 and claims 10-13 and 23-25 depend upon claim 9. Since claims 1 and 9 are patentably distinguishable from the suggested combination of Junqua with Thelen et al and with Ju et al., they should also be patentably distinguishable from the suggested combination of Junqua with Thelen et al and with Ju et al., and should be also allowable.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. Failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-5, 9-13, 17, 18, 19, 20-25 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the final rejection is requested and allowance of these claims at an early date is solicited.

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